## EXHIBIT A — CORRESPONDENCE OF PETITIONER'S COUNSEL ADDRESSED TO THE COURT, DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2004

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February 24, 2004

**By Federal Express**

Honorable Christopher W. Vasil
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street
Washington, D.C. 20543-0001

In re: Safety Nat'l Cas. Corp. v. Dow Corning Corp.
Supreme Court No.: 03-790
United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit,
Appeal No. 02-2048

Safety Nat'l Cas. Corp. v. Shook & Fletcher
Asbestos Settlement Trust
Supreme Court No.: _____
United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit,
Appeal No. 03-1092

Dear Mr. Vasil:

We are co-counsel for Petitioner Safety National Casualty Corporation in the above cases. The two matters are before the Court on separate Petitions for a Writ of Certiorari. The Petition in *Dow Corning* was filed on November 26, 2003,

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and is set for conference on February 27, 2004. The Petition in *Shook & Fletcher* was filed under Supreme Court Rule 29.2 on February 23, 2004.

The two cases, which address the same arbitration provision, present identical questions for the Court's review. Therefore, we request on Petitioner's behalf that these cases be vided on the Court's calendar.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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*Exhibit A*

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